**MINUTES OF STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

 **HELD ON MONDAY 20th AUGUST 2012 AT COMMUNITY HALL**

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| Item |  |
| 1 | **MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES** |
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| **In attendance** | **Apologies** |
| R. Freel | R. Craig | W. Mackie | Cllr Holman |
| G Haddow | M.Casey | G. Smith | Andrew Clark |
| Nominated members B. Grant & S. Montgomery and J. Hewart were present.Cllrs Campbell, Cooper & Dorman two police officers and 11 members of public were also in attendance. Vic e chairman R. Craig welcomed all to the meeting and intimated that he would be chairing the meeting as George smith was currently on holiday. |  |

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| 3 | **POLICE REPORT** | **Action** |
|  | Officer Alan Weir (accompanied by Officer Chris McLaughlin,) gave his report. 176 calls were made to the police last month (many of these being multiple calls,) recording 20 crimes (10 down from last month.) Most of these being teenage and alcohol related incidents in Violet Crescent and Alexander Hamilton Memorial Park. Officer Weir informed those present that the licensing department planned to have bottles marked which would enable police to identify where alcohol was being purchased and would allow officers To target underage drinking. Seven (7 ) reports of vandalism were also recorded. There was 1 call last month relating to Danmore House. Vice Chair R. Craig asked about the status of the on-going inquiry at Mia’s Bistro to which Officer Weir informed that C.I.D was dealing with this and therefore he was unable to indicate a timescale for resolution of this matter. Cllr Cooper reported 2 incidents to the police recently but received no feedback which was requested. Cllr Cooper intimated that it was disheartening not to get feedback considering it was asked for and Officer Weir said he would look into this and report back to the councillor.  Some debate took place on people drinking in public areas and it was stated that not all were underage. The use of police dogs was also discussed however these are also reduced in numbers. It was re-emphasised that the public should keep phoning in as multiple calls can lead to an area being targeted by the task force. The Chair thanked Officer Weir for his report and advised they were welcome to stay for all the meeting. Police officers left the meeting at this point. | PC Weir |
| 2. | **PREVIOUS MINUTES** |  |
|  | Agreed by those present that they represented an accurate reflection of the meeting |  |
| 4. | **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES** |  |
|  | The majority of business arising would be dealt with under the agenda item headings. |  |
| 5 | **CORRESPONDENCE** | **Action** |
|  |  A list of correspondence had been circulated with the agenda and was available for inspection. Secretary gave an overview of recent FOI decision by information commissioner. |  |

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| **6** | **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** | **Action** |
| 6.1 | **ROADS**Regarding the works at Cander Bridge Cllr Dorman informed that Cllr Holman would be dealing with this. Cllr Dorman stated the tender contract had been awarded for fabrication and galvanising of the new railings. The works will start early/mid September and completion time will be six weeks. Meantime speed restrictions will remain. Members of public intimated that the information coming from SLC on this matter was non-existent. Lawrie Street, near nursing home entrance was also mentioned at meeting as requiring repair some discussion on this as it was not repaired. Cllr Dorman will take this up . M. Casey questioned regarding the condition of the pavement and road outside Stonehouse Primary School to which Cllr Dorman responded would be amended once the newschool is completed.Roads mentioned at meeting included:It was felt that a crossing point on the main road at the new community hall should be looked at and councillors present intimated they would raise this matter. Water was still running out of the burned out café building. Cllr Cooper reported that a meeting was taking place this Thursday with the three owners to try and obtain a way forward. Work had started on the building at Union street. | Cllrs |
| 6.2 | **PLANNING** |  |
|  | The proposed 4 flats at the Black Bull was agreed would tidy up the building the only observation issue made was with regards to parking. Numerous windmills in the area were also mentioned as was the recent application for Lochhead for an additional 3 units. Noted that this was not classed as Stonehouse however it did not stop CC from objecting however no objections from the meeting were made.**Local Plan**It is likely that recent submissions would be followed by another round of consultations |  |
| 7 | **HEALTH MATTERS** |  |
| 7.1 | **Wound clinics**A meeting was taking place on 6th September and Community council member would be in attendance. Robert Craig and George attended meeting where local chemist, X-ray unit and wound treatments were discussed. Wounds clinic and Dr Zoma’s clinic will be staying in Stonehouse. The x-ray clinic unfortunately is expected to be closed. B. Grant will attend injuries clinic meeting at Larkhall. Cllr Cooper reminded everyone about Kilbride Hospice and the need for funding and volunteers. Dr Wilson is retiring and it was agreed that a letter from the CC would be written. Vice chair gave an update of a meeting that he had attended which covered the CHI system and adult health & social work issues would be taken over by a joint board.Cllr cooper gave an update on Kilbryde Hospice |  |
| **8** | **UTILITIES** |  |
|  | Nothing to report,  |  |

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| **9** | **TRANSPORT** |  |
|  | **No issues raised** |  |
| **10** | **REPORTs** |  |
|  | **Treasurer** Copy of accounts issued and Secretary gave a summary of the expenditure. Accounts now sent to SLC  |  |
|  | ***Elected Members***Cllr Dorman reported on the installation of bins and new swings . A member of public asked about he steps at the side of the slides as these were dangerous. Elected members will investigate.Cllr Campbell discussed the lack of housing stock and social housingCllr Cooper gave an update on school placing requests, Cllr Dorman intimated that she could not get involved in these as she had a conflict of interest. | ***Cllrs*** |
| 11 | **Facebook Items** |  |
|  | The bypass and its use for wild flowers was raised and the paper which was produced by SLC was discussed. No consultation took place with Brighter village or other organisations. |  |
| 12 | **AOCB**1. Regarding proposed Dovesdale incinerator, World health Organisation had confirmed incineration was a major cause of cancer and developmental issues. SEPA agreed to extending PPC licence with Scotgen. J. Young asked Cllr Cooper, as previously agreed at Hustings meeting, if she had sent her objections to SEPA. Cllr Cooper stated she had notified SEPA with her objections however J. Young informed that her name wasn’t on the public register of those who objected.
2. J Young informed that teen challenge and family support group would be taking over the cooper kettle cafe .
3. Public Institute and latest developments were raised . Development trust will be asked for an update.
4. Reported that Ambulance could not get down Murray /drive due to parked cars
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|  | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING****Monday 17th September 2012 at Stonehouse Lifestyles 7.30pm** |  |